

PRIORITY GROUP OF  
Candidates for PSB Staff Director

Philip Davison

Frank Stanton

Wallace Carroll

Richardson K. Wood

Mr. Davison believes that Mr. Wood is the best bet — see  
his attached memo.

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May 4, 1951

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Sargeant - P  
From: W. P. Davison - PCB  
Subject: New PSB

1. On May 2 and 3 I talked with Mr. Schwartzwalder in the Bureau of the Budget about the functions of the new PSB and the continuing responsibilities of PCB. Mr. Schwartzwalder is apparently the man who originally drafted the Presidential directive of April 4, and he had a good bit to say about its interpretation. Here are the principal points he made, as I remember them:

- a. The directive does not affect existing responsibilities of the various departments; it removes nothing from anybody.
- b. The new Board is responsible for the formulation of national plans and policies; coordination of plans and activities on an interdepartmental level remains a responsibility of the State Department.
- c. The manner in which interdepartmental coordination is to be achieved remains a responsibility of the Secretary of State.
- d. The projects originally proposed to Mr. Webb as subjects for the new Board's attention would more appropriately be dealt with by existing machinery.

2. Mr. Schwartzwalder also looked over the paper entitled "Facilities for Coordination of U. S. Psychological Warfare." The version of this paper you have seen was re-drafted in line with his comments, although he has not in any formal sense concurred in it. He remarked that he had been discussing this subject informally with Mr. McWilliams and others from Mr. Webb's office.

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